



Driving in Montana

Instruction Permits and Learner Licenses



TEP – Traffic Education Permit valid only during approved traffic education (TE) course
Drive only with instructor during Driver Education class.

TELL – Traffic Education Learner License valid for one year
Drive only with TE instructor or licensed parent or legal guardian during and after successful completion of approved TE course.

Instruction Permit /Learner License valid for one year
Drive with licensed parent or legal guardian or licensed driver age 18 and older authorized by parent.

AGE 14 14 ½ 15 16 17 18

PERMITS USED FOR TRAFFIC EDUCATION			
TEP Traffic Education Permit	AGE* - enrolled in approved traffic education program *Enrollment age is subject to school policy	DURATION Only during approved traffic education course with traffic education instructor. TEP expires at the end of class	RESTRICTION Drive only with approved traffic education instructor during driver education class
TELL – Traffic Education Learner License	AGE at least 14 ½ and enrolled in or successfully completed approved traffic education course	DURATION Valid for one year and renewable for another year; May use until eligible for Restricted License	RESTRICTION Drive only with traffic education instructor, licensed parent or legal guardian**

****NOTE: IF PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS WANT THEIR STUDENT TO DRIVE WITH OTHER ADULTS DURING THE GDL PERMIT PHASE, STUDENTS MUST OBTAIN AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT**

PERMIT AVAILABLE AFTER OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC EDUCATION

Instruction Permit (IP)/ Learner License	AGE 15 after successful completion of approved traffic education course; or age 16 without traffic education	DURATION Valid for one year and renewable for another year	RESTRICTION Drive only with licensed parent, legal guardian or licensed driver age 18 or older authorized by parent
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GDL Restricted License	Full Privilege Driver License
BEGINS after student has had any combination of TEP, TELL or IP at least six months AND while holding the permit(s), the student has completed 50 hours of supervised driving practice – 10 hours must be at night	BEGINS after student has completed one-year GDL restricted license period or if the student turns 18 before the one-year restricted license period is complete, when the student turns 18
DURATION One Year	DURATION EXPIRES ON 21 ST BIRTHDAY
GDL RESTRICTIONS - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First 6 months only one unrelated passenger ➤ Second 6 months up to 3 unrelated passengers ➤ Each occupant must wear a seat belt ➤ No driving between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Exceptions to night driving restrictions include emergencies, travel to and from school, church, or work and farm related activities	REMEMBER Drive Safely Follow the rules of the road Everyone wears a seat belt Drive sober



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